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B. BANGKOK 8794

C. BANGKOK A-161, JUNE 15, 73

THIS TELEGRAM RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL

A. NUMBERING IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL A.

ONSHORE OFFSHORE

I. 1) OIL - 47,362 BARRELS OIL - 0

GAS - 0 GAS - 0

2) OIL - 618,826 BARRELS OIL - 0

GAS - 0 GAS - 0

FIRST YEAR OF OIL PRODUCTION - 1953

3) THERE ARE NO PROVED RECOVERABLE RESERVES OF OIL
OR GAS ONSHORE OR OFFSHORE.

4) PROBABLE OIL RESERVES ONSHORE ARE EXTIMATED AT
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ONE MILLION BARRELS OF WHICH ABOUT 600,000 HAVE BEEN

RPDUCED.

OFFSHORE- NA. MOST EXPERTS SAY IT IS TOO
EARLY IN THE STATE OF EXPLORATION TO MAKE MEANINGFUL JUDGMENTS,
THOUGH ONE EXPERT RECOMMENDED A STUDY ON SEDIMENTARY
DEPOSITS DONE BY LEWIS WEEKS AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE FOR AN
ESTIMATE.

5) ONSHORE - 2 EXPLORATORY WELLS, BOTH WERE DRY HOLES.
OFFSHORE - 6 EXPLORATORY WELLS DRILLED, 3 HAD TRACES
OF OIL, OF THESE 2 HAD TRACES OF GAS AS WELL.

THERE HAS BEEN NO DRILLING BEYOND 200 METERS WATER DEPTH.

ONSHORE - APPROXIMATELY TWENTY WELLS THAT HAD BEEN
PRODUCING LAST YEAR WERE RETIRED. NO NEW FIELD DEVELOPMENT
WELLS WERE DRILLED.

6) OFFSHORE
OIL - 0 GAS - 0
ONSHORE
OIL - 25 WELLS GAS - 0

7) TEN FIRMS HELD CONCESSIONS TO 23 OFFSHORE EX-
PLORATION BLOCKS, 19 BLOCKS IN THE GULF OF THAILAND AND 4
BLOCKS IN THE ANDAMEN SEA AS OF 12/31/72. TWO BLOCKS BEYOND
200 METERS WATER DEPTH IN THE ANDAMAN SEA HAVE NOT YET BEEN
OFFERED FOR CONCESSION. TWO BLOCKS AT LESS THAN 200 METERS
WATER DEPTH ARE ALSO STILL VACANT.

8) LOCAL CO. US COMPANIES GOV'T. OTHER FOREIGN
0 11,600,00 1/ 0 2,340,000 1/

1/ ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO REPORT ACCURATE
FIGURES, INABILITY TO REACH SOME OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES,
AND RESULTANT ESTIMATES OF THEIR COMPANY'S
EXPENDITURES, MIGHT HAVE INTRODUCED SOME ERRORS IN THE
ABOVE DATA.

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II. THAILAND HAS PLACER DEPOSITS OF TIN ORE CONCENTRATE.
THEY ARE MINED BY DREDGE. PRODUCTION FIGURES ARE
AVAILABLE ONLY FROM 1963.

1. TIN ORE CONCENTRATE IN METRIC TONS:

1963 2759.4 MT 1968 - 2232.3

1964	2420.7	1969 -	2803.8
1965	2666.3	1970 -	3419.8
1966	2444.7	1971 -	3426.4
1967	1714.1	1972 -	4691.6

2. 73,25 PERCENT TIN CONTENT - TIN

3. N.A.

4) APPROX. 25 METERS WATER ABOVE PLACER THICKNESS OF PLACER NA
THICKNESS OF PLACER BEING MINED NA

5) DISCOVERY - 1903
YEAR FIRST MINED 1907

6) 075300 N // 982330E.
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